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News Release

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Blue Goose Goes National on CBS

It all started with a forwarded note from Mike Bryant asking, "Do you want to rally some refuge and red wolf supporters to go?" So, we printed posters, laminated them (because it ALWAYS rains!), made a trip to the hardware store for "handles", made a few calls to recruit some trusty volunteers, rounded up extra critter costumes, and set the time at 5:45 am to meet the next morning....

The call was for people to "act crazy" to get on national TV! It read (in part): The Early Show's Weather Anchor Dave Price will be showing what makes the Outer Banks of North Carolina a CBS News pick for "A Great American Vacation" in front of a national audience of millions. Just wanted to send out a rally call to all our fellow Outer Bankers. This is reminder that CBS News' The Early Show will be live from Roanoke Island Festival Park tomorrow, Thursday, July 12 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. We really need your support to show the world what a fantastic place this is to live, work and visit. This is an amazing opportunity to get your kids, your friends, your face on national television. Bring colorful signs, crazy T-shirts, or whatever you can think of to show your local Outer Banks spirit.

It was a long, hot, and tiring 3 hours. But, we made it on national TV with the blue goose emblem!

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These are our volunteers, including Alligator River's very own FIRST LADY, Janet Bryant



We figured the cameras wouldn't be able to resist this "clutch"... or is it a "brood"?



Blue goose forever.... Keep that blue goose flying!!



All around, everyone was complaining about the heat-- until they noticed the big hairy costumes our guys were having to endure!



The Red Wolf Coalition joined us!



Everyone knows from "Principles of Wildlife Management" that wildlife can do some pretty crazy things when under a lot of stress. Well, we produced hybrids right in Manteo in less than 3 hours!